BLS Transport Thresholds Administrative Guideline

Perform patient assessment, including VS

Patient must meet all BLS Assessment Criteria:

- · Minimal risk of airway compromise during transport
- Normal work of breathing
- No acute neurologic deficit
- GCS >13
- · No significant environmental exposure or trauma
- Not more than one vital sign out of BLS range
- Person is "talking but not walking"

Patient must meet none of the ALS Treatment Criteria

- · Receiving IV fluids or medications
- Receiving cardiac monitoring (all patients greater than 35 years old with non-traumatic chest pain should receive cardiac monitoring)
- Severe pain requiring repeat doses of pain medication
- At risk of rapid deterioration (impending chidlbirth, life-threatening OD, angioedema, anaphylaxis etc.)
- Patient meets SAEMS regional triage protocol criteria for transport to a specialty receiving center for STEMI, Stroke, Critical Pediatrics, OB or Trauma
- Person is "not talking and not walking"

Patient may be transported by BLS if they meet <u>all</u> BLS Assessment Criteria AND <u>none</u> of the ALS Treatment Criteria

	Age > 14 yr	Age 6-13 yr	Age 1 w-5 yr	Age < 1 wk
Respiratory Rate	12-20	20-25	25-30	30-50
Heart Rate	60-130	60-150	60-160	100-180
SBP	> 90	> 80	> 70 + (Age x2)	> 70
Glucose	> 70			> 40
Oxygen Saturation	>92% with nasal cannula supplement			>92%

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Six Item Cognitive Screen

Instructions to the patient: I am going to tell you three words and then I want you to repeat them back to me. Please repeat - Apple - Table - Penny.

(You may repeat the instructions three times as necessary)

- 1. What year is it? (1 point)
- 2. What Month is it? (1 point)
- 3. What Day of the week is it? (1 point)

What are the three objects I asked you to remember?

- 6. Apple (1 point)
- 7. Table (1 point)
- 8. Penny (1 point)

Score of less than 5 indicates impaired cognition.